

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1251

Introduced by Assembly Member Saldana

February 27, 2009

An act to add Chapter 1.2 (commencing with Section 120385) to Part 2 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1251, as introduced, Saldana. Public health: hepatitis B.

Under existing law, persons are required to be immunized against specified communicable diseases prior to admission to daycare institutions or schools. Existing law requires immunization against hepatitis B for all students unconditionally entering or unconditionally advancing to the 7th grade level on or after July 1, 1999.

Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health, in consultation with, the Trustees of the California State University, and the Regents of the University of California, to adopt and enforce regulations relating to the immunization of first-time enrollees at the institutions against the hepatitis B virus.

Existing law requires, with prescribed exceptions, the Trustees of the California State University, and the Regents of the University of California, to the extent the regents act by resolution to make this bill applicable to the university, that first-time enrollees who are 18 years of age or younger provide proof of full immunization against the hepatitis B virus, prior to enrollment.

Existing law establishes the Office of Multicultural Health in the department in order to perform specified functions.

This bill would require the Immunization branch of the State Department of Public Health, after consulting with the Office of Multicultural Health, to create a public outreach campaign, including the creation of an informational Internet Web site, to educate citizens of the state with Asian, Southeast Asian, or Pacific Islander backgrounds on the importance of immunization against hepatitis B.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 1.2 (commencing with Section 120385)
2 is added to Part 2 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code,
3 to read:

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5 CHAPTER 1.2. HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATION

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7 120385. The Immunization Branch of the State Department of
8 Public Health, after consulting with the Office of Multiculture
9 Health, shall create a public outreach campaign, including the
10 creation of an informational Internet Web site, to educate citizens
11 of the state with Asian, Southeast Asian, or Pacific Islander
12 backgrounds on the importance of being immunized against
13 Hepatitis B.